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Dr. Sirs,

The current idea for settlement with Microsoft over their anti-trust violations is a very disturbing one. Nothing in the settlement either 1) discourages Microsoft from increasing their monopoly or 2) forces Microsoft to give up market share.

What you will get from this settlement is more of a monopoly in the education sector from Microsoft and little else. The education sector is one of the few left that Microsoft doesn't have almost complete control over so such a penalty could be devastating to competitors.

What needs to be done is the following:

- 1) Microsoft must be forced to open the important standards and libraries so it is possible for competitors to be on a level playing field. This is not to say they must make their operating system open source, but they should open the libraries that allow such products as Office or Internet Explorer to be integrated so well with Windows.
- 2) Microsoft must no longer be allowed to bundle more and more programs into Windows forcing 3rd party vendors out.
- 3) All OEM contracts with Microsoft that do not allow OEM's to install multiple OS's on a machine that contains Windows should be modified such that OEM's have this freedom.
- 4) Microsoft should be forced to give 1 Billion dollars in hardware to schools. The hardware should be delivered in working condition running with only competitors software and hardware. No Microsoft products should be allowed in this penalty.

I am sure you will consider these thoughts, and those thoughts of all others and see that Justice and the best interests of the people are served here. Thank you for your time.

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